



Burton Plantation Management Committee

1st Annual General Meeting
29th June, 2006 7:30pm at Burton Village Hall

1. Apologies MP, PS, LS?
2. Election of Village Representatives
3. Election of Committee
 - Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary

Re-elect present 3
4. Co-option of members CT Tree Warden ?
5. Chairman's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Secretary's Report
8. Finance
9. 'Friends of the Plantation' 18
10. Fundraising
11. Fun Day
12. Logo
13. AOB
14. Date of next AGM



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Secretary's report

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Finally, thanks to:

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- Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust
- Francoise Scire from Charnwood Borough Council

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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Now that the constitution has been finalised and ratified, applications for funding can take place. Money is already being raised by the sale of notelets - showing two different scenes of the Plantation. Many packs were sold at the Summer fete in June. The money raised will be used to help with the long-term maintenance of the woodland. It is hoped that other scenes will be reproduced as Christmas cards.

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Minutes:

In Attendance

(Chair) Robert Shields, (Minute Taker) Diana Edmonds, Derek Brewis, Ken Davies, Sally Davies
Paul Rushforth, Barbara Stead, John Stead, Cath Thompson

Apologies

Apologies were received from Margaret Pickford, Linda Sutton and Paul Sutton

Constitution

The Plantation Constitution has been formally agreed by the Parish Council

Committee Membership

Paul Sutton has offered his resignation as Secretary of the organisation. A new Secretary will be chosen by the Committee in its first meeting after the AGM. The co-operation of additional members will also be discussed.

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Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that 16 Friends had contributed and that the balance was £252.62

Secretary's Report

The following secretary's report was distributed:

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Fundraising

Derek Brewis is to draft a letter to corporate organisations; Diana Edmonds is to review this with him

The meeting closed at 8.45pm